



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA
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Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian

Reading: Mark 11:1-11

When [Jesus and the disciples] were approaching Jerusalem,
at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives,
[Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them,

“Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it,
you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden;
untie it and bring it.

If anyone says to you, ‘**Why are you doing this?**’
just say this

‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ”

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street.

As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them,

“**What are you doing, untying the colt?**”

They told them what Jesus had said;
and they allowed them to take it.

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it;
and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“**Hosanna!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple;
and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late,
he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

GATHERING

All Glory, Laud and Honor #344
(red hymnal, rear section)

REFRAIN

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David’s royal Son,
now in the Lord’s name coming, our King and Blessed One.

REFRAIN

The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all. Mortals in chorus make reply.

REFRAIN

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

REFRAIN

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

REFRAIN

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayer we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

REFRAIN

GREETING

The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together...Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD

A Reading of Jesus' Passion, according to the Gospel of Mark, the 14th and 15th chapters.

The reading begins.

Communion is served.

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees #471*

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

REFRAIN

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.

REFRAIN

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

REFRAIN

The reading continues.

HYMN **Sing Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs. 1-3) #347**

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r, your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned, oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!

Shun not suff'ring, shame or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Cal'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.

"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

The reading continues.

HYMN **Were You There #353**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Where you there when they crucified my Lord?
O---h, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?...

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?...

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?...

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?...

Reading is finished.

HYMN **My Song is Love Unknown #343**

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake,
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to our king.
Then “Crucify!” is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.

We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff’ring goes
that he his foes from thence might free.

In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav’n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing – no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. And then we have borne witness to Christ’s suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Establish peace and justice among the nations, especially between Israel and Palestine, Russian and Ukraine. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers, especially Gus and Ella and Charlie. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Teach us to pray, we ask, that you tend to the needs of other people who we now name, especially,

- Carolyn Wyatt – friend of Nancy Padilla Cancer, chemo/radiation for a year
- Kathie Sperow – thanksgiving for good health
- Jean Senter – recovering from knee problems
- Sean Cannoles, Nikki Rocha's cousin – heart problems
- Elaine Grawe – adjusting to living situation
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Christian, Heidi Carney's son – for peace and comfort
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello's sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Byron Nelson, friend of Jacoby's – dealing with cancer
- Mike Johnson – dealing with lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – frontotemporal lobe dementia, and starting a medication trial
- Heidi Carney – ongoing health issues
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport – Thankful for a successful eye surgery
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – dealing with health issues
- James Hecker- for a permanent solution to his numerous health problems
- Iglesia San Juan Bautista, Pastor Esteban and Angie – support of their ministry
- Those who are contracting COVID
- An end to the war in Ukraine
- The peoples of Israel and Palestine
- Victims of senseless gun violence
- For Mike & Janet Lorenzo who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. *We give thanks for the courage of Oscar Arnulfo Romero, bishop and martyr, whom we commemorate today.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

BLESSING

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless us and keep us,
shower us with mercy,
fill us with courage,
and ✝ give us peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God.

Thank you to:

- **Katie Edson**, for assisting today.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
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- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- Please join us for a church-wide potluck brunch after worship today. Everybody is welcome, regardless of if you have brought something to share or not!
- The **Los Osos Community Dinner** is this Wednesday. Let Nancy Padilla know if you would like to cook and/or serve.
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will take a hiatus for the next two Sundays, and resume on Sunday, April 7 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.
- **The Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet on Tuesday, March 26th, at 10:00 am. We will be discussing Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24, I Corinthians 15:1-11, and John 20:1-18.
- Thanks to all who attended the **Bible Study on the Parables of Grace**. It is not concluded
- **Wednesday Bible Study** will be on hiatus this coming Wednesday. It will continue on Wednesday, April 3rd at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The subject will be *Letters for Sojourners*.
- **Maundy Thursday** worship will be on Thursday, March 28th at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. We will celebrate Holy Communion, but there will be no foot-washing.
- **Good Friday** worship will be on Friday, March 29th at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, featuring a cantata sung by Tom Anello and other hymns and readings. It will have a somber atmosphere.

- **Decorating the sanctuary** for Easter Sunday will be on Saturday, March 30th, starting at 2:00 pm. Please be ready to bring greens and flowers from your own gardens, or you might otherwise purchase some from a store.
- **Easter Sunday** worship will be on Sunday, March 31st at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. There will be celebratory decorations, a flower cross on the grass outside the sanctuary windows, holy communion, and wonderful Easter hymns.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.
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Remember to check the website calendar for upcoming events!
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